

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING WORSHIP ~ 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The service of worship begins with the music.*

*Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty of God, in its quietness, God's peace.*

### ~ WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ~

**\*\*WELCOME, REGISTRATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please sign the attendance sheet and pass it to the end of the pew for usher pickup.)*

**THE PRELUDE** Ryland Brown

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*HYMN NO. 92** "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

**People: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."**

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

**People: And I will give you rest."**

Leader: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

**People: Let us worship God this day!**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED NO. 881**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.** \*universal

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### THE MORNING PRAYER

*(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.*

*People Respond: Hear our prayer.)*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** by Carol Penner

**We work for you, God, in whatever we do. Paid labor, volunteer work, our home life all our time we spend for you. Thank you for jobs which provide us with an income; we share the fruit of our labor with you, knowing that you are the Great Provider. Use these offerings in your kingdom work, as you provide good news, healing and hope to all people. Amen.**

**THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*(8:45 am)* "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris  
soloist, Danielle Knox

*(11:00 am)* "Keep Your Lamps!" by Andre Thomas  
The Chancel Choir

**\*THE DOXOLOGY** OLD 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### ~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 5:13-16 NT 4

<sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

**THE MESSAGE** Rev. Alex Stevenson

"The Ministry of Daily Work"

### ~ WE GIVE THANKS AND SHARE HOLY COMMUNION ~

**INVITATION** *(All are welcome)*

**CONFESSION AND PARDON NO. 12**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NO. 17**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(prayed together)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

If you are not able to come forward, the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*(You are invited to sing these hymns as others are receiving communion.)*

405 "Seek Ye First"

585 "This Little Light of Mine"

399 "Take My Life, and Let it Be"

156 "I Love to Tell the Story"

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

**\*HYMN NO. 572** "Pass It On" PASS IT ON

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

**People: Hearts on Fire ... Seeking, Sharing, Serving ... For God!**

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

*\*Congregation will please stand as able.*

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mary Allred by her family.

**BIBLE STUDY OF HEBREWS**-The book of Hebrews explains the Christian faith from the perspective of the Old Testament Scripture. It opens our eye with new depths of understanding who Jesus is as our great High Priest, and what it means to worship and follow him. Please join us on Wednesdays at 10 am in the Mac Vinson Companions Classroom to study this unique New Testament book beginning this Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The study will be led by the pastor and conclude in November.

**WORK A DAY! GIVE A DAY!** Since before the 1940's the South Carolina Conference has designated the second Sunday in September as Epworth Sunday. The original idea was for Methodists to invest a work day's wages in the children of Epworth Children's Home. In recent years, each congregation has a challenge to give a minimum of \$6 per member. Work Day for Epworth is next Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Let's all work together to give generously to the children of Epworth.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Tim Datwyler** will be visiting Aldersgate on Sunday, **Sept. 16**. He will be preaching at both services. A love offering will also be given that day.
- **The United Ministries Transformation Walk & 5K Run** will be held on Saturday, **Sept. 22**. Sign up and raise funds for this great cause. This year it is at a **new location**: *First Baptist Church 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC 29601*
- **The Aldersgate United Methodist Women** will be having their Fall Garage Sale on **Sept. 28 & 29**. Please be cleaning out your attics, garages, etc. to get ready to donate your items. You can bring jewelry **NOW** to the church office.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, August 30, 2018:

**Greenville Hospital-Main Bldg.:** Dewey Lemons

**Home:** Beth & Warren Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Peggy Miller, Doug Jordan, John & Mary Holmstrand, Mary Lou Stenberg, Jerry Thomas

**National Healthcare-Boiling Springs:** Ann Armstrong

**Rosecrest:** Jennie Ruth Waynick

**Brookdale @ Hawthorne:** Nita Bearden

**Cascades:** Patti Whelchel **Rock Hill /Daughter:** Bill Taylor

**Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale **Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale

**Haywood Estates:** Ann Linse **NHC Mauldin:** Atrice Hughey

**Westminster Senior Living at Augusta Place:** Melba Poole

**Rolling Green:** Wayne Rowan, Ralph Bell

**Mt. Home Health/Rehab, NC:** Nancy Reitz

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018**

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

**Monday, Sept. 3, 2018-Church Office Closed**

6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House

**Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018**

Child Development Center Begins

9:00 am Boo Hoo Breakfast - Commons

7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

**Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018**

5:30 pm Connect Begins – Parker Hall

6:00 pm Youth @ The House

6:30 pm Classes Begin (*Drawing class begins Sept. 12*)

## ATTENDANCE

**August 26, 2018**

Sunday School – 156

Worship - 272

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2018 Average Weekly Budgeted Giving	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Actual Giving	\$ 13,468.55
2018 Average Weekly Actual General Fund Expenses	\$ 14,376.14
Previous Week's Actual General Fund Giving	\$ 6,442.53
<b>YTD Deficit in Actual Contributions to Expenses</b>	<b>- \$ 30,858.04</b>
<b>Sanctuary Media Project--raised to date</b>	<b>\$ 20,887.21</b>

## SERVING TODAY

**Communion Asst.:** 8:45 am Michelle & Stephen Keith,  
Agnes Williams  
11:00 am Sara & Jerry Bowden,  
Johannah Myers

**Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Scott Bagley 11:00 am Karis King

**Greeters:** 8:45 am Suzanne Haney & Linda McDaniel  
11:00 am Jerry Smith & Chris Spellman

**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Julian Gettys 11:00 am Coley Altman

**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Reid Schemm

**Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Jack Cornell 11:00 am Hunt Redfern

**Ushers:** 8:45 am Jim Dansby, Danny Dobbs, Jordan Truesdale,  
Suzanne Haney  
11:00 am Terry Tallon, Steve Graves, Joel  
Vanderwood, Bruce Royal

## MINISTRY STAFF

The Rev. Alex Stevenson, Pastor (ext. 207)

Johannah Myers, Director of Christian Formation (ext. 211)

Ruth Hughes, Director of Children's & Leisure Min. (ext. 204)

Dr. Grant Knox, Dir. of Music (ext. 208), Ryland Brown, Musician

Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center (ext. 202)

Josh Consalvo, Director of Youth (ext. 212)

Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications (ext. 210)

Cameron Vaughn, Financial Secretary (ext. 206)

## MINISTERS – THE CONGREGATION

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00-Noon

Phone: 864/244-1820 Fax: 864/244-9701

Child Development Center...864/268-5028

Website: [www.aumcsc.org](http://www.aumcsc.org) <http://facebook.com/aumcsc>

## MISSION STATEMENT

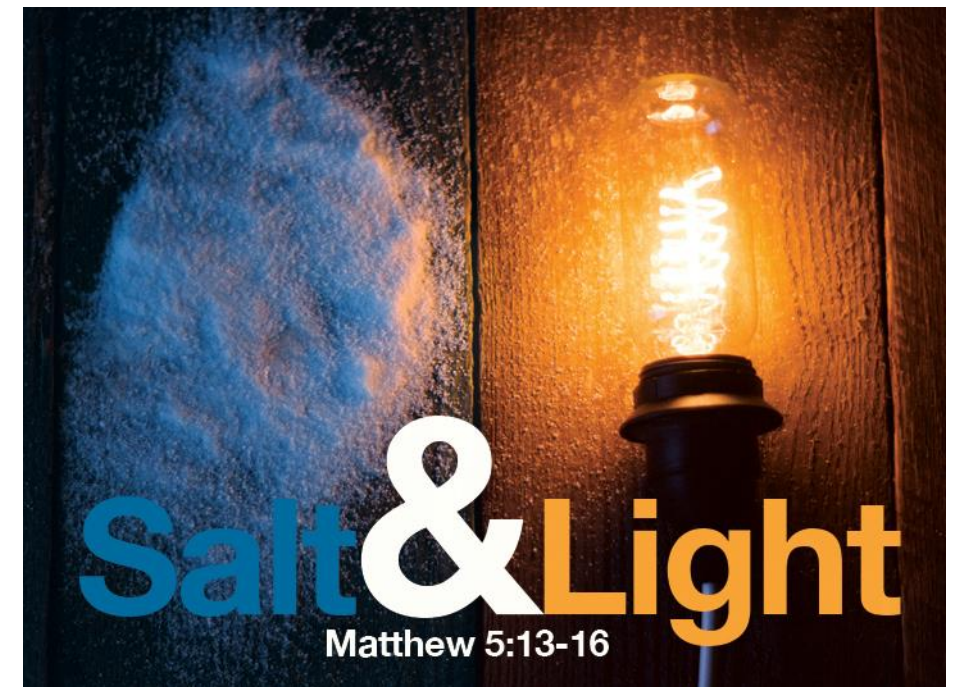
... We are called to make disciples by embracing all people with God's love in Christ and equipping each other for service to God and His world.

## VISION STATEMENT

*Hearts on Fire...Seeking, Sharing, Serving...For God!*

# Welcome to

## ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**The Rev. Alex Stevenson**

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

**8:45 am & 11:00 am**

**September 2, 2018**

Established October 9, 1960

Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors  
The people of The United Methodist Church

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*